



**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION held Wednesday, May 22, 2002 for the purpose of finalizing the proposed FY 2003 budget.**

The meeting began at 8:05 p.m. It was held in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Community Center. This meeting was a follow-up to the work session on May 20, 2002.

PRESENT WERE: Council members Rodney M. Roberts, Alan Turnbull, Edward V.J. Putens, Thomas X. White and Mayor Judith F. Davis.

STAFF PRESENT WERE: Michael McLaughlin, City Manager; Jeffrey Williams, City Treasurer; Hank Irving, Director of Recreation; Jim Craze, Police Chief; Celia Craze, Director of Planning and Community Development; Joe McNeal, Community Center Supervisor; Craig Rich and Mike Lanier, Fraternal Order of Police and David Moran, Assistant to the City Manager.

ALSO PRESENT WERE: Amy Boyes, Gazette and Sheldon Goldberg, Greenbelt East Advisory Committee.

Mayor Davis asked about the possibility of using savings from police vacancies to identify some funds. Mr. McLaughlin provided an estimate of between \$37,600 and \$45,000 as available funds in FY 2003 that can be generated from these savings.

Mr. Putens suggested that the red light camera at Cherrywood Lane and Kenilworth Avenue be removed. He did not believe that a camera was warranted at this location. Mr. Roberts stated that he believed this camera was working and was reducing red light violations at this intersection. Council discussed this camera and whether or not it should be removed.

Following these two specific proposals, there was considerable discussion about items to be added to or deleted from the budget and how to fund them.

A majority of Council Members supported the following changes:

- \$2,500 increase for senior staff training
- \$33,800 increase for 3/4 planner position
- \$25,000 increase for Police Cadet
- \$22,500 decrease by removing a red light camera
- \$45,000 decrease by recapturing benefits lag in the Police budget
- \$25,000 increase for part-time help in Public Works

- \$1,600 increase for additional Nextel phones for Public Works
- \$2,500 increase for equipment at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center
- \$5,800 increase to fund contribution group requests
- \$5,000 increase to fund ACE programs
- \$50,000 decrease by reducing Reserve Appropriation to \$0
- \$21,600 increase to equate Capital Projects transfer to 3.5 cents on tax rate
- \$3,300 decrease to electricity cost due to switch from Pepco to WGES
- a .4 cent tax increase on real property

The meeting ended at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David E. Moran  
Assistant to the City Manager